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SUBJECT: NEW OMANI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

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1. FARID MBARAK ALI AL-HINAI WAS BORN IN KENYA 44
YEARS AGO. ALTHOUGH OF OMANI ANCESTRY, HE LIVED IN KENYA
MOST OF HIS LIFE. HE HELPED FOUND THE KENYAN FOREIGN SERVICE
IN 1963 AND SERVED AS KENYAN CHARGE' IN FRANCE AND GERMANY AND
AS KENYAN AMBASSADOR IN EGYPT. HE WAS OBLIGED TO LEAVE KENYA
IN 1975 BECAUSE OF THAT GOVERNMENT'S "AFRICANIZATION" POLICY,
REPORTEDLY LEAVING CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY BEHIND HIM IN THE
SCRAMBLE TO GET OUT. HE SETTLED PERMANENTLY IN OMAN AND
IMMEDIATELY WENT TO WORK FOR THE OMANGOV FOREIGN MINISTRY
AS ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. HE LATER SERVED IN THE POLITICAL
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THEN WENT
TO BONN AS OMANI AMBASSADOR.

2. A MEMBER OF A LARGE WEALTHY FAMILY, HINAI IS THE OLDER BROTHER OF KHALIFA MUBARAK AL-HINAI (PLBRL), DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL AFFAIRS IN OMANGOV MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HE IS ALSO BROTHER-IN-LAW OF BARAKAT LAMKI, UNDERSECRETARY OF INDUSTRY IN OMANGOV MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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- 3. HINAI HAS A SWEDISH WIFE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THE NUMBER OR AGES OF THEIR CHILDREN.
- 4. HINAI'S ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT, AND HE SPEAKS SOME FRENCH.
  HIS ARABIC MAY BE SHAKY BECAUSE OF HIS KENYAN BACKGROUND.
  WE KNOW LITTLE OF HIS PERSONAL TASTES OR HABITS OTHER THAN THAT

HE DRINKS IN MODERATION. SIZER

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